An Open Letter

On the Release of the Dynamic Harm Principle into the Public Domain

I am releasing the Dynamic Harm Principle (DHP) and all associated documents into the public domain.

This is a deliberate architectural decision, not a gesture and not an invitation to consensus.

The DHP is not an ideology, a belief system, or a moral framework. It is a functional model: a way of measuring harm, preserving agency, and resolving conflict without defaulting to power, authority, or narrative dominance. A system that claims to reduce coercion cannot itself rely on ownership, permission, or central interpretation. For that reason, no individual — including the author — is a required authority node.

The framework stands or fails on its internal coherence and on what happens when it is run.

You do not need my permission to use this work.
You do not need my approval to adapt it.
You do not need to agree with it to test it.

You are free to copy it, modify it, fork it, ignore it, or discard it entirely.

There is no official version beyond what is written. There is no hidden intent beyond what the documents state. Where the framework is unclear, that is a design flaw to be addressed by revision or replacement, not by appeal to authorial authority.

Some will misuse parts of this work. Some will misunderstand it. Some will attempt to weaponise fragments of it while discarding its constraints. That risk is accepted. A system that only functions when interpreted charitably by friendly actors is not a system; it is an ideology. The DHP is designed to be stress-tested in the open.

This release does not ask for belief.
It asks for measurement.

If the Dynamic Harm Principle produces lower trauma, higher agency, and more stable outcomes than existing models, it will propagate through use. If it does not, it should fail openly and be replaced by something that works better.

There is no requirement that this framework be preserved. There is only a requirement that harm be measured honestly, consent be grounded in agency, and irreversible damage to vulnerable nodes be treated as the highest-order failure.

No kings.
No moral referees.
No permission layer.

The work is now part of the commons.

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